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TOWN HONOURS THE RETURNING LANCERS

Hundreds of people filled Northampton town centre for a parade to welcome back the county's 9/12th Lancers to the UK after an eight-month tour in Afghanistan.

The parade, which coincided with national Armed Forces Day, featured more than 150 soldiers marching from the Guildhall to the Market Square before then being greeted by Northamptonshire's new Lord Lieutenant, David Laing.

The troops, in smart dress, carried the swords and lances typically used during the First World War and were followed by a marching band and an array of military vehicles.

Among the troops was Lance Corporal Daniel Woollicroft, from Northampton, whose family of 15 went to watch him during the parade. His stepfather, Stewart, said: "Dan is an absolute hero.

They've really showed themselves well. It's been absolutely awesome."

Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, David Laing, said: "This is a very special day and it shows how people here regard everything that the Armed Forces do for us. We've had a large number of people come from the town and they are all fascinated by it."

In the Market Square, there were stalls from the Royal British Legion and Northampton's Territorial Army, inviting people to see and sit in two of their military crane vehicles.

The cavalry regiment, formed in 1960 by an amalgamation of the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers and the 12th Royal Lancers, will undergo further change next year when they combine with the Queen's Royal Lancers to form a single regiment, The Royal Lancers, which will be based in Yorkshire, but continue to recruit from Northamptonshire.



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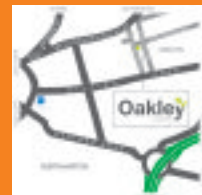
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Wedding nightmare has a sweet ending

A defiant couple tied the knot with a pair of blessed sweets after burglars stole their wedding rings the night before their big day.

Dave and Natalie Norris, who run the Roadmender night-club in Northampton, were devastated when they woke to discover their home in Milton Street North, Kingsley had been raided.

The couple, who have been together for 19 years, had left a front door open for their son to come in from work.

The burglars took both Dave and Natalie's wedding rings as well as jewellery belonging to David's mother, who had passed away in February.

All the items had been left in the kitchen in preparation for their big day last Sunday and the usual intruder deterrents – the couple's two 40-kilo crossbreed dogs – had been taken into kennels.

Natalie, 39, said: "They were so quiet we didn't hear a

thing. I was absolutely devastated, I was crying all day.

"It was one thing to know someone had been in your house, but the things they took were so personal."

The couple were left with a race against time to find a pair of new rings for the occasion. But trips to jewellery shops on Saturday proved fruitless.

"We went to the shops thinking we can just get a cheap band each," Natalie said. "But we had taken so much time to choose those rings and then waited for them to be delivered."

"They meant something to us, I didn't just want to get a new one like that."

"So I just said I would rather use those jelly Haribo rings."

"We wanted to make light of it – but we also wanted to show them that they couldn't ruin our big day."

Natalie and David are now appealing to pawn shop owners and secondhand dealers to look out for the stolen rings and jewellery, which are

described below.

A laptop, a Pandora bracelet and Ted Baker and Calvin Klein bags were also taken in the raid. Natalie said despite

a fire alarm going off, the wedding day went without a major hitch and the couple are now looking forward to their new life together.

Couple hope to trace the stolen jewellery

■ **Police are now appealing for information on the burglary at Natalie and David's home on Milton Street North, Kingsley, overnight between Friday June 20 and Saturday, June 21.**

■ **The stolen groom's ring was made of brushed platinum 'shiny' bits on the outer band. The bride's ring was made of brushed white-gold, plain and about 5mm in width.**

■ **Burglars took a white-gold chain belonging to Mr**

Norris's mother, which came with a matching bracelet as well as a pearl pendant. Natalie had intended to wear the items on her wedding day. Gifts intended for the bride's father were taken including a set of blue cuff links. Finally an engraved silver key ring, was stolen. The item was intended as a gift for the couple's friends. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of the items is asked to call police on 101.

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'I hope to finally get

A woman whose mother was one of five elderly residents who died in a Northampton care home in 2009, has welcomed a decision to launch a criminal investigation into their deaths.

Marie Robinson's mother, Do-reen Sheridan, was one of the pensioners who died at Park-side Nursing Home in St Matthew's Parade, Northampton, between July and August, 2009.

Following her 83-year-old mother's death, Mrs Robinson, of Hunsbury Hill, said she believed the care she received at the home had been "disgraceful".

But, after an inquest into the five deaths, the county coroner ruled they died from

natural causes as there was no evidence to suggest that neglect was a direct cause of death.

The *Chronicle & Echo* campaigned at the time for the ruling to be reviewed to allow a police investigation to take place, but the coroner's ruling meant that a police inquiry could not be set up.

Mrs Sheridan, who had severe Alzheimer's disease, died on August 4, 2009. A post mortem examination recorded the cause of death as being, in part, bronchopneumonia and doctors told her family it was brought on by a lack of mobility.

Northamptonshire Police has now decided to re-open the investigation following a report by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Mrs Robinson said: "It has

been a long time coming. I'm extremely pleased something is going to be done and I hope I can finally get justice for my mother.

"I think it was a case that it was thought because they were old, people they did not matter. I thank the *Chronicle & Echo* and, in particular, reporter Nick Spoors, who has done a sterling job keeping this in the spotlight."

In December last year, five nurses were struck off after the council hearing into the treatment of some residents. The five were home manager Phyllis Johnson and nurses Anastacia Madulu, Girlie Franklin, Maria McKenzie, and Mary Ombu, who were all found to have failed to provide basic care for 10 residents.

Tribunal: Residents suffered through neglect

■ Evidence given at a Nursing and Midwifery council tribunal last year showed residents at the now closed care home were given a diet of mainly porridge and they suffered pressure sores so

deep bone was exposed.

■ At the time of the hearing, the chairman of the tribunal, Michael Cann, said the suffering of the elderly residents was a 'direct result' of the nurses' neglect.

■ He said: "They were malnourished, some were dehydrated and lived in a care home that was described as run-down, filthy, and stocked with faulty or inappropriate equipment."

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Dirty Rotten Scoundrels - Savoy Theatre

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels sees the legendary Robert Lindsay who is 'as brilliant as ever, an absolute star' (Sunday Times) team up with comedian Rufus Hound who was described by the BBC as 'very, very, very funny' in this hilarious comedy musical where two seasoned swindlers attempt to hoodwink a millionaire heiress. They are joined by Downton Abbey's Samantha Bond who is a 'class act' (Radio Times) in her first ever musical role.

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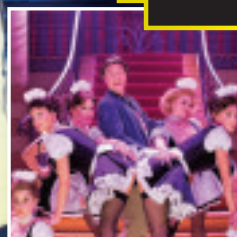
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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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1 in 7 children live in poverty across county – report

Opposition parties have called for an official support strategy in Northamptonshire after it was revealed that one in seven children in the county lived in poverty.

The figure, which amounts to 19,000 children in Northamptonshire and 6,000 in Northampton specifically, was given in a report published by Save the Children.

It showed that 14 per cent of children aged under 18 lived below the poverty line across Northamptonshire and East Midlands, the same as the UK average.

The figure for adults of one in five was also equal to the national average, although the actual number, counted against the electoral role, could be as high as 100,000 in the county and 30,000 in Northampton itself.

During a full county council meeting last week, Labour

and Lib Dem councillors proposed a motion to introduce a formal poverty strategy to help tackle the problem.

But the motion was voted out as Conservatives argued the best way to reduce poverty long-term was to build local businesses to create jobs.

Lib Dem councillor, Brendan Glynane, said: "Anything that can be done to reduce the number of people in poverty should be done."

"We should be offering better career advice in schools, making sure debt advice is freely available; we need to make sure this help is easy to find and access."

"It's about making sure employers and potential employees are joined up, and it's about making sure services that people rely on in times of trouble are responsive, empathetic and effective."

Measuring poverty

■ **Figures for people living in poverty in the UK were measured using a relative income poverty line, classing anyone earning less than 60 per cent of the national average as "at-risk of poverty."**

■ **But Conservative council-**

lor, Robin Brown, said it was "socialist dogma" to call people "poor" based on this. He said: "We need to make sure we offer equal opportunities for anyone in poverty to get themselves out. It is not such a simple task of strategy."



Demolition of Chron's old offices nears end

■ **The demolition of the Chronicle & Echo's former newspaper building in Upper Mounts, Northampton, was due to be completed this week. Work has been carried out during the past few weeks to clear the site of the offices, which were opened in 1978. The land has been bought by Aldi, who hope to open a supermarket on the site.**

Work begins to open town street to cars

Contractors have started works to de-pedestrianise part of the town centre, despite months of protests and debate.

Barriers have been put up along Wellington Street as workers started to put in place a dropped-kerb that will make the short stretch suitable for vehicles. Paving has also been removed in parts of Abington Street.

It is the first phase of work as part of the £3 million plan to re-open Abington Street – between St Giles Terrace and Wellington Street – to traffic for the first time in 20 years.

The work is set to be completed by November.

However, businesses in

Wellington Street said they were facing weeks of road-works outside the premises.

Carol Arias, of Maria's Cafe, said: "Since the work is going ahead now, there's nothing we can do about it.

"We are just trying to be positive. We don't know how it will affect custom, but we are really missing being able to put tables and chairs outside."

Cafe owner, Maria Arias, said she was worried people in mobility scooters would struggle to get past their cafe while work was going on.

Last week, the foundations were dug for the Francis Crick statue which is to be relocated outside the Marks & Spencer store in Abington Street.

The £100,000 monument was moved from the top end of the street to make way for the road re-opening scheme.

However the installation of the statue had to be delayed as the hole dug for its new location became filled with water last week.

A council spokesperson said: "We have been advised by the contractors that the water that has gathered has not been caused by the work taking place and is likely to be from a leak that has been there for some time.

"Anglian Water has been informed and will deal with this appropriately."

"The sculpture will be moved as soon as this issue is resolved."

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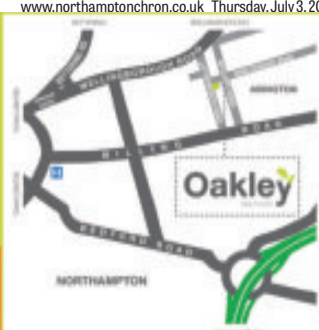
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MOVED ON: A family who had set up four tents at Delapre Park were told to leave by police officers

Park calls for help to report campers

Park rangers have appealed for help in reporting people who set up campsites, fires and barbecues at a Northampton beauty spot.

The concerns were raised following sightings of people starting fires, putting up tents and swimming in the lake at Delapre Abbey, in London Road, in Far Cotton, in Northampton, as the weekends get warmer.

Friends of Delapre Abbey reported one occasion over the weekend when a family group was committing all the offences at once, including pitching four tents.

Police were called to move the party on.

Following an increase in similar incidents, the Friends set up a Facebook page to remind people that such activities are not allowed and that swimming in the lake, which is popular with waterskiers, is unsafe.

One person said that walking through the country park was "like walking through a homeless site".

Other contributors suggested installing more waste bins and notices, recruiting volunteer litter pickers and hiring more park rangers.

Delapre only has one official park ranger, who is currently on long-term leave, and no park wardens, who would have stronger powers of en-

forcement.

Temporary volunteer park ranger, Max Lang, said: "The Friends are looking at having more bins put in and recruiting volunteers to patrol the park and stamp on the problems as and when they happen."

"We are also welcoming 'park friends' to report people who are abusing the park."

"Our new Delapre Park Management Committee is now officially in action to help us finally do something about this yearly problem. At our meeting this week, Northampton Borough Council promised to provide more bins near Eagle Drive car park and the Water Ski Club, and they have agreed to regularly clear litter from the car park."

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Comic Ross calls in after tweet

Top comic Ross Noble caused a stir in Northampton as his free-form television show rolled into the town unexpectedly last week.

The entertainer was filming for the second series of *Ross Noble: Freewheeling*, which features him travelling the country, reacting to unusual requests from his 500,000 Twitter followers.

On Monday, Mr Noble, who is currently recording series two of the show due to air on the channel, Dave, later in the year, was tweeted: "Don't come to Northampton, it's &*@!," which inspired the stand-up to do just the opposite the following day.

The quirky comic spent last Tuesday chatting to Northampton people in the town centre, throwing a copy of the CD *Love Actually* off the National Lift Tower, and even visiting a fan who was recovering from keyhole surgery.

Mr Noble said as he was inundated with tweets 'talking down' the town, the point of the programme was to try to show its best side.

He said: "The thing that



SURPRISE VISIT: Comedian Ross Noble visited Northampton to see if it was as bad as people on Twitter said it was

came up time and time again talking to people was how friendly the people are here, that there is a sense of community.

"It's one of those places where it's not quite a city and it has a history of shoe-making. But since a lot of that has gone, it needs to work out

what it is.

"I'm hoping that when this show goes out on telly, people will see that I'm being quite positive."

'When I saw him there, I was in shock'

■ Ross Noble spent more than two hours chatting to passers-by in the Market Square, asking them what they thought of the town.

■ Marie Icely, 29, who lives in the town centre was interviewed by the comic. She said: "I was literally walking by, when I saw him there. I was in shock. He asked me what do I love about Northampton and I said 'I don't know, Abington Park?'"

■ And Northampton's premier stand-up comedian Alan Carr tweeted Mr Noble: "Visit the boot & shoe museum. Have a drink on the Wellie Road! Have an ice cream in Abington Park. So much to do so little..."

Ross Noble is to return to Northampton for his stand-up show, *Tangenteleman*, on Wednesday, February 11 and Thursday, February 12, 2015, at the Royal & Derngate. For tickets, call 01604 624811.

Abseiler loses five stone for challenge

A 30-YEAR-OLD woman who has lost five-and-a-half stone in the past year is planning to abseil down the National Lift Tower in Northampton to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Katie Marks, aged 30, would not have been able to complete the abseil previously because of the weight restriction on participants, but will now take part in the daunting challenge this Sunday.

Mrs Marks, of Towcester, was inspired to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust as she has a friend who has a three year-old daughter, Amelia, with cystic fibrosis. She said: "I don't see what I am doing as brave because all the people with cystic fibrosis have to be brave every single day of their lives and have no choice.

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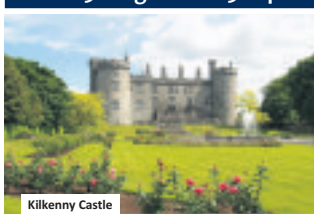
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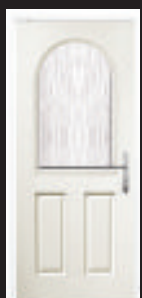
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PM is 'confident' pothole

The Prime Minister said he was 'confident' Northamptonshire County Council can deliver 62,000 pothole repairs with minimal disruption as part of a major road repair fund announced last week.

In an interview with the Mercury's sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo*, David Cameron officially unveiled the county's slice of a £168m ring-fenced repair fund to help smooth a backlog of bumpy roads across the UK.

Northamptonshire is to receive £3.3m from the pot, first announced in March.

But the rules of the fund require the work to be completed by March 2015, sparking fears the county could face a year of travel disruption while the repairs are made.

Mr Cameron told the *Chron*: "If you think how many roads there are in Northamptonshire, as long as we have good teams out there being properly co-ordinated with a clear plan, there shouldn't be that much traffic disruption."

As a condition of receiving the money, local authorities will be required to publish



Prime Minister David Cameron spoke to the Chronicle and Echo this week to help fix bumpy roads in Northamptonshire

monthly progress updates on how many potholes have been repaired. Those not meeting targets will be punished, the Prime Minister said.

"There's always this fear that this money will disappear into a black hole," he added. "Authorities got the money on the basis of the plan

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'Potholes was the key issue raised by my constituents'

■ Conservative MP for Northampton North Michael Ellis, who has run a high-profile campaign to get more money to fix potholes in his constituency during the past year, said it was "fantastic" news.

■ He said: "I have been campaigning for more money to fix the potholes over the past year and the effort has paid off. It was an enormous honour to be mentioned in the Chancellor's keynote budget speech. When I did a survey in my constituency, this was the issue people cared most about and wanted me to do something about."

"When people ask 'what has my MP done for me' they will see Northamptonshire has an extra £3.3 million as a direct result of the work I have done."

■ The county council will now have to decide which roads it intends to spend the money on and all repair work have to be completed by the end of March 2015. Mr Ellis said he would be working closely with the local authority to ensure that some roads in his constituency with a large amount of potholes were among the ones the money would be spent on.

about a £3.3m pothole repair fund

they submitted to government and they have to report back to us on how they are delivering that plan. If you don't deliver, you won't get all the money."

Northamptonshire County

Council was one of 148 authorities to bid for a share of the funding and was one of only a handful to receive a 'greater share', as its method of pothole repairing was classed as an ex-

ample of 'best practice'.

The Prime Minister also praised Northampton North MP Michael Ellis for his 'persistence' in campaigning for road repair funds.

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Readers help pay for buggy

Chronicle & Echo readers have raised £640 to pay for a new specialist mobility buggy for an eight-year-old boy in Northampton.

In April, the *Chron* featured the story of Ross Platt, of Collingtree, who has an undiagnosed condition with complex needs and is unable to walk or stand independently.

For years, his mum Keri and dad Dean longed to take their son out to explore the countryside around their home, but Ross's old buggy was too heavy and could only cope with flat, even surfaces.

To have the freedom to explore the outdoors and to go on trips to the Welsh Mountains and Lake District, the family needed a three-wheeler Advanced Mobility Buggy but local statutory services were unable to fund the £640 piece of equipment.

However, after Ross' story was featured in the *Chron*, local people across Northamptonshire came together to pay for the specialist piece of equipment.

Mrs Platt said: "I just want to say a massive thank you to Newlife and the *Chron* for



AMAZING RESPONSE: Chron readers raised £640 to pay for a new specialist mobility buggy for eight-year-old Ross Platt, from Collingtree

helping to fund the three-wheeler buggy. It has made a huge difference and we have already been out to explore the fields surrounding our home.

"In the past we haven't been able to walk through these areas so it was absolutely lovely to get out there. Best of all, Ross really enjoyed it, he was very comfortable.

"This buggy means we can now access the outdoors a lot more as we are able to go on

terrain that we couldn't go on before. The additional freedom that it has given us and Ross means so, so much."

Mrs Platt said the family was now hoping to spend some quality time away together by going to the beach and maybe up Mount Snowden in Wales.

She said: "We are an outdoorsy family and this buggy will allow us to do the things we love together."

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Reality TV star backs campaign

Geordie Shore star Charlotte Crosby has become the latest person to sign up to the Anthony Nolan bone marrow register after hearing about the plight of a '1 in 9 million' baby boy from Northampton.

Miss Crosby, who tweeted a 'selfie' with her Anthony Nolan spit kit, was inspired to sign up after reading about Joey Ziadi, a nine-month-old boy suffering from rare blood disorder Diamond Blackfan Anaemia.

As revealed in the *Chronicle & Echo* last month, Joey is in need of a lifesaving transplant but has not yet found a matching donor.

Miss Crosby said: "I saw the gorgeous Joey Ziadi in the news and I couldn't believe it when I heard how ill he was



STAR APPEAL: Charlotte Crosby is helping boost charity awareness

and that only 1 in 9 million people have his condition. I felt like crying.

"I knew I had to do something, but I didn't know how to help. When I found out how simple it was to sign up to the Anthony Nolan register, I didn't have to think about it," she added. "I just thought it's so easy, why doesn't everyone do this?"

Joining the register involves spitting into a tube and posting it back to the Anthony Nolan charity.

If Miss Crosby is found to be a match, she could one day be called upon to donate her bone marrow, or stem cells, to Joey.

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Walking on the Sunshine	1-5 Aug*

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why you hardly ever seen one on the road. They are rarer than a new Ferrari.

Simple economics banish the Ampera to the interesting but unseen end of the car market. For even after the Government's handsome £5,000 green grant is deducted, this is still a car that costs more than £30,000 as it stands on the showroom floor. Everyone thinks the Ampera is a bit of a looker, but the more practically minded blanche when they hear the price.



FACTFILE

PRICE: £35,740 (without £5,000 plug in grant)
DRIVETRAIN: 1.4 litre petrol engine and electric motor, total 150 hp, automatic gearbox
PERFORMANCE: Top speed 100mph 0-62mph 8.7 seconds
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2004 £1,200 ono

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2007

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2010

2.0, 44,000 miles, black, diesel, 2010, 4 months Tax, 10 Months MOT, Sat Nav, Bluetooth Connectivity, Voice Control, Air Conditioning, Leather Seats, 2 New Front Tyres, Full Service History, Very Good Condition. £8,500 ono Tel: 07729 369599

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Nissan

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Fiat

FIAT MULTIPLA 1.9



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mpv, DIESEL, Metallic blue, 2003, 74000 miles, M.O.T until June 2015 Taxed until December 2014, Service History, Clean condition . £975 Tel:07902 010544

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Mazda

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1984

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2008

mpv, petrol, red, 2008, 47000 miles, 5 seats, 16inch alloys, privacy glass, bluetooth, E/M, E/W F/R, 6 cd changer, M.O.T 31/03/15, Taxed October, Full service history, 2 owners from new, VGC . £4600 Tel:01604 705531

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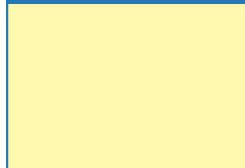
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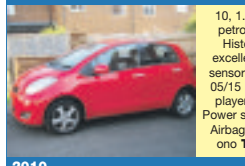
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2002

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O'Toole eyeing promotion

New signing John-Joe looking forward to new challenge

FOOTBALL

John-Joe O'Toole says he opted to sign for the Cobblers as he feels they are a team with whom he can win promotion to a higher level.

The 25-year-old midfielder this week joined Marc Richards and Kaid Mohamed on the new arrivals list at Sixfields in a move that has been described by some as the transfer of the summer.

O'Toole scored 15 goals for relegated Bristol Rovers last term and was named in the PFA team of the season for division two.

He was hot property after activating a relegation release clause in his Rovers contract and Crawley Town and Southend United were both linked with his signature.

But Northampton won the race and O'Toole is now hoping to help his new club mount a promotion challenge.

"I met with the manager and he seems like someone that I will enjoy working with," said O'Toole. "It seems like a club that is on the up - they did well to stay up and everyone here is confident they can take that momentum into the new season."

"I think we can be pushing at the right end of the table, definitely. There was interest and offers from elsewhere and I did have to consider my options, I had to think long and hard about it."

"But I think Northampton will definitely be challenging.

That was definitely something I had to take into consideration and it was a factor in my decision.

"There's a bit of security with that (the length of the deal) as well and I can't wait to get going now."

Meanwhile, Cobblers boss Chris Wilder has described his new addition as 'one of the stand-out players' in Sky Bet League Two last season, and admitted he had to work hard to secure his signing.

Wilder said: "I think he was one of the stand-out players in the league last year and he scored a very good amount of goals from midfield in a team that didn't have a great deal of success."

"It ticks another box for us. We wanted to get some goals in the side, whether that be from midfield or at the top end of the pitch and we've done that with John-Joe."

"We had to work hard to get him in. There were a number of league one clubs after him but I've always spoken about this club as being an attractive one to play for and where players can come and enjoy their football."

"The chairman has worked really hard on getting this one over the line. The ambition of the chairman should never be questioned in terms of helping us to get players in."

"John-Joe has maybe seen what happened here at the end of the season and the signings that we've made and wants to be part of a successful season."



KEY ADDITION new Cobblers signing John-Joe O'Toole

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Grayson backs Myler for World Cup selection

PAUL GRAYSON believes Stephen Myler will have a real shot at making England's World Cup squad if he maintains his fine form next season.

Myler was one of the stars of Saints' season, earning the man-of-the-match

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award in final victories in the Amlin Challenge Cup and Aviva Premiership.

He was the most accurate kicker in England's top division and also showed his

creative capabilities, flourishing under the guidance of Alex King.

However, Myler was not given any game time in England's recent three-Test tour of New Zealand, with Freddie Burns, Danny Cipriani and Owen Farrell all

preferred in the matches against the All Blacks.

The Saints star was restricted to a substitute appearance in the midweek game against Crusaders, but Grayson, Myler's former mentor at Saints, believes the 29-year-old is still in a

good position.

"Stephen's now in a position where there are three, four, five people putting their hand up," said Grayson.

"It was interesting how the third Test went. England were exposed a little down

that 10, 12 channel and that is an area of strength for Stephen.

"It would be great for him to start where he left off next season, carry some real momentum in and put his hand up for some sort of inclusion towards the autumn."

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